Officers travelling free in service buses aud cars.

426. Dr. A. R. Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that some of their officers are travelling in service buses and cars without making any payments to their owners?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—No complaints have been received to this effect, but some Police constables, it is said, use service buses without payment. The Commissioner of Police has issued a circular forbidding such practice.

The realisation of the amounts invested in the Tanneries.

427. Mr. K. S. Rama Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.

what arrangements have the Government in view to realise the amounts that they have invested in the Tanneries, in view of the fact that the doors of the Company have been kept closed for such a long time?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—The Government have not yet come to a final decision on the point. The properties of the Company form a first charge for the amount advanced by Government.

The improvement of the Alur-Kunamuchi road.

428. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the amount provided in the budget for the current year for improving the Alur-Kunamuchi road has been utilised for the purpose; if not,

(b) what steps have been taken to improve this road;

(c) whether this amount will not be used for the purpose this year;

(d) whether copies of all petitions and representations received in the last 3 years by the Superintendent of Panchayats and the Government regarding this road will be placed on the table?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) The amount is being utilised for the purpose.

(b) An estimate was passed and an advance given to the Panchayat for starting work.

(c) Efforts are being made to that end.

(d) The Government do not think that any public purpose will be served by placing these papers on the table.

Accommodation for the Legislative Council Members for lodging at Ernakulam.

429. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

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(a) whether any arrangement has been made by the Government for providing accommodation for lodging for the Members of the Legislative Council when they have to go to Ernakulam to attend Council meetings or Committee meetings; and if no arrangement has yet been made,

(b) whether the Government have under consideration any scheme for providing this in the near future; and, if so,

(c) what it is ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—

(a) No.

(b) No.

(c) The question does not arise.

Subordinates of the Medical Department who were once sent out and their re-entertainment.

430. **Mr. T. A Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state if any subordinate of the Medical Department once sent out of the department has been re-entertained in the same department, and, if so, the name or names of such persons along with the crimes for which they were sent out and the special reason which prompted their re-entertainment?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—A. Cheeku, a ward cooly of the General Hospital whose services had been dispensed with from the Hospital seven years ago, has been appointed as a peon in the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer's Office. As there was nothing recorded against this man, it was considered that his fault was his unsuitability as a ward cooly, and so he was entertained as a peon.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is this Cheeku the only one who was once dismissed and subsequently re-entertained ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The answer shows that no one was dismissed.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is this the only person sent out from service by a previous Medical Officer and re-entertained by the present Medical Officer ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Yes. He was not dismissed.

President.—The question is whether there is any other person.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Not to my knowledge.

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